

**Announcement of Webinar for Prospective Applicants Interested in Responding
To RFA No.SM-14-003**

**Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Improve the Mental Health and
Wellness of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives
(AI/AN) Communities**

(Short Title: Circles of Care VI)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing a webinar for prospective applicants interested in applying for the Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Improve the Mental Health and Wellness of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Communities RFA # SM-14-003. The call will be lead by SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services staff along with technical assistance providers. The webinar will be held on Monday, January 23, 3:00 -5:00 p.m., EST. Interested parties can register to participate on the call by clicking on this link

<https://tribaltech.webex.com/tribaltech/onstage/g.php?d=667952632&t=a>

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2014 Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Improve the Mental Health and Wellness of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Communities (Short Title: Circles of Care VI) grants. The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based, coordinated system of care approach to support mental health and wellness for children, youth, and families. These grants are intended to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving AI/AN communities. Circles of Care grantees will focus on the need to reduce the gap between the need for mental health services and the availability and coordination of mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders in AI/AN communities for children, youth, and young adults from birth through age 25 and their families.

Approximately \$4,381,941 is available to fund up to 11 grants at up to \$400,000 each for up to three (3) years.

WHO CAN APPLY: In an effort to address mental health disparities within the AI/AN communities SAMHSA is limiting eligibility to federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations. Eligible applicants are as follows:

- a. Federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations (as defined by USC 25, Chapter 14, Subchapter II, Section 450b);
- b. Tribal Colleges and Universities (as identified by the American Indian Education Consortium);
- c. Urban Indian Organizations (as identified by the Office of Indian Health Service Urban Indian Health Programs through active Title V grants/contracts)

Prior Circles of Care grantees are ineligible to apply.

The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies.

The RFA is available on the SAMHSA website at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants>, RFA # SM-14-003.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Applications must be received by March 7, 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Andrew Hunt at 240-276-1926 or via e-mail at andrew.hunt@samhsa.hhs.gov.

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